

## PROCLAMATION **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** MARCH 2019

WHEREAS, in North Dakota there exists a long history of helping neighbors in need and voicing gratitude for those who do; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross volunteers and donors who give their time and resources to help community members find shelter after home fires, deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital and enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella are deserving of our gratitude; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small; on average, once every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected; and

WHEREAS, in the Dakotas Region last year, the Red Cross assisted more than 2,300 people during emergencies and disasters, provided services to approximately 650 military members and their families, trained more than 30,000 people in lifesaving skills and made homes safer by installing more than 4,000 free smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, our communities depend on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2019, **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgun

Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State